

Barham Parish Council – NOVEMBER 2024 In Touch Report

External Auditors Report

The external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP has successfully carried out the audit on the parish council accounts year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. An external auditors report and certificate has been issued and they have advised that no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. All the relevant end of year accounts are published on the parish website.

Taylor Wimpey New Build “Churchfields”

We continue to hold regular meetings and liaise with Taylor Wimpey regarding the building works. They hope to have 11 new homes sold by the end of the year.

Suffolk County Councillor Chris Chambers

New link road from Sproughton to Bramford, work has begun on this £5 million project which should be completed in April 2026.

After the recent fire at the Gt Blakenham recycling centre, solutions to expand the site to therefore spread the waste has been looked at along with scheduling the delivery of waste to help keep the waste stacks low. Lithium batteries should not be put into recycling bins, which has been in the past caused fires.

Encouraged residents taking up the Solar Together project which is offering competitive prices for solar panels.

The Ofsted reports for SCC Childrens Services have shown that improvements need to be made, however is positive for the large part of the report. New process' and training to be put in place to make things better.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councillors John Whitehead and David Penny

Outlined the changes which will take effect in April 2026 for household waste and recycling bins. There will be more collections, more bins and more staff to deal with the extra. Central government is dictating the changes which will encourage more recycling.

In the past it has been difficult to implement any cycling structure or improvements to cycle ways. The district council has now got a design and costing engineer so it is hoped to get new cycling projects moved forward. This will include connecting Henley & Claydon schools with a new cycle/walking route to enable pupils to get to school safely and to encourage exercise.

BMSDC Licensing Committee is looking to see if there are any enforcement actions regarding the height of waste at waste sites.

Vacancy on Barham Parish Council for a new Councillor

Would you like to help make a difference to your village? Do you care about where you live, its facilities, activities, open spaces? Whatever needs tackling or improving locally, becoming a Parish Councillor gives people the opportunity to change things. YOU can help to make a difference to the quality of life for people in Barham.

If you are age 18 or over, you are an elector of the parish, during the whole of the last 12 months have occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish. The Parish Council meetings are usually held every other month on a Monday evening at 7pm in Barham Church Hall. The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now, come along to a Parish Council meeting or speak to our Parish Clerk (see contact details below).

Applications to be sent to the Clerk by 13th November 2024.

FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 18th November 2024

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